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Buff-plastered English Gothic Revival style with arched oak doors; ornate twin towers each supporting eight pinnacles with fleur de lis ornaments. Designed 1840 by Charleston architect Edward Brickell White, church has cruciform shape, four-shouldered buttresses, ornamented pinnacles along edges of roof. Transepts added and chancel extended 1861-1862 under White's direction. Most stained glass windows, including rose windows in transepts, imported from Munich c. 1860. Second building size, begun 1845 to replace frame church built 1814. Towers and nave constructed first; finished in present form 1894.

Inside church is marble baptismal font designed by Hiram Powers. Wooden roof on hammer-beam trusses. Box pews, brass pulpit, tiled floor in sanctuary, marble chancel rail, and handcarved walnut choir stalls. Only church in city with clerestory. Large memorial stained glass window commemorates Peter Shand, pastor from 1834-1886, above white marble altar. Smaller windows above columned arcades in clerestory.

Wrought iron fencing and gates surround church and graveyard.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Church's chief significance is architectural. It was designed by Edward Brickell White, who also designed the steeple of St. Philip's Church, the Huguenot Church, and Grace Church in Charleston. Of English Gothic Revival style with two ornate front towers, arched oak doors, and four-shouldered buttresses, it was modeled after Yorkminster Cathedral in England. It is one of the earliest examples of ecclesiastical Gothic architecture in the south. Its stained glass windows, except for a few memorials, were imported from Munich c. 1860, and its marble baptismal font was designed by Hiram Powers.

Founded in 1812, the first Trinity Church was completed in 1814 on lands donated by Gen. C. C. Pinckney, Elias Horry, and Peter Smith of Charleston, and the South Carolina Legislature. Its first pastor, Rev. Christian Hanckell, (1815-1821) was also a professor of mathematics and natural philosophy at the South Carolina College during the early years of his ministry. After the Civil War he became state agent of the Episcopal Freedmans Aid Commission, which distributed money raised in the morth to newly emancipated southern blacks. The church escaped burning in 1865 by Sherman, who was a Roman Catholic, by the removal, it is said, of its "Episcopal" signs, and the placing of papier mache crosses on the edges of its roof. From 1834 to 1888 its pastor was Peter Shand, under whose leadership the congregation quintupled. By 1938 Trinity had the largest Episcopal congregation in the state.

In its adjacent historic graveyard are buried five South Carolina governors, two Revolutionary officers, three Confederate generals, the poet Henry Timrod, the three Wade Hamptons, John Gabriel Guignard, surveyor of Columbia, and Dr. Thomas Cooper, controversial nationally-known president of the South Carolina College in the early 1800s, and close friend of Thomas Jefferson.

In 1962 the American House of Bishops, comprised of all the Episcopal bishops in the United States, met at Trinity. The bishops were addressed by Arthur Michael Ramsey, archbishop of Canterbury.

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